



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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#### REGULATIONS ON IMPORTS OF GAME BIRDS ANNOUNCED

Import limits on migratory game birds taken by Americans hunting in countries other than the United States were announced today by the Department of the Interior. The regulations become effective September 1, 1961.

The importations allowed from Canada coincide with the exports allowed by Canada. These in turn are restricted in certain Provinces to a seasonal limit not to exceed the number of ducks and geese allowed by the Province to be held in possession. In all cases importations are restricted to birds legally taken.

A summary of this year's importation limits follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>Not to exceed</u>
Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada	10 ducks and 10 geese per season
British Columbia, Canada	12 ducks and 10 geese per season
Province of Ontario, Canada	10 ducks and 10 geese per calendar week
Any other Province of Canada	12 ducks and 10 geese per calendar week, beginning Sunday
Mexico or any other country or subdivi- sion thereof (except Canada)	10 ducks and 5 geese per calendar week
Any foreign country or subdivision thereof:	
Band-tailed pigeon	8 per calendar week
Brant	6 do.
Coots	25 do.
Doves; mourning or white-winged	25, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, per calendar week
Rails, (except sora and coots) and gallinules	30, singly or in the aggregate of both kinds, per calendar week
Red-billed pigeons	10 per calendar week
Sora	25 do.
Wilson's snipe	8 do.
Woodcock	8 do.

Other requirements which the American hunter must observe when bringing his birds into the United States remain the same as last year and are listed below:

Shipments from Canada must be accompanied by tags or permits if required by Provincial or Dominion law. Birds transported from Mexico must be dressed, drawn, and have the heads and feet removed. On waterfowl transported from Canada, the heads and feet do not necessarily have to stay on the birds. Birds exported from Mexico require a Mexican export permit.

A shipment made not later than five days after the close of the season in Canada, Mexico, or other foreign country may continue in transit for not over five additional days to permit delivery at destination.

The Federal regulations do not authorize importation or possession of such birds contrary to State laws.

Packages or containers must be marked with the name and address of the shipper and consignee with an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds clearly and conspicuously shown on the outside.

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